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1. Turks expect USSR to mark time on Straits--Turkish Foreign Minister Saka has told US Ambassador Wilson that he expects the USSR to leave the Straits issue in status quo until a more favorable opportunity develops for pressing Soviet claims. Saka believes it unlikely that the USSR will attack Turkey, as he considers the USSR unready for war and anxious to avoid a general conflict.
2. Warsaw Government may exploit Byrnes speech--According to US Embassy London, a Polish Embassy official has declared that the statement on Poland made by Secretary Byrnes at Stuttgart provides the Warsaw Government with the "perfect issue" to use in the forthcoming election: namely, that the US has rejected the Potsdam decision and Poland can now only rely on friendship with the USSR. The official added that the statement will be used to force the Peasant Party into the Government's election bloc, with or without Mikolajczyk.
3. British troop movements at Basra--US Military Attache Tehran reports that British troop movements to the Basra area now have reached almost full-scale operational proportions. According to the MA, a "US Consul source" asserts that the buildup will continue and that an operation may possibly take place near the end of September.

A corrected version of the 3 September telegram from US Consul Basra reported in the Daily Summary of 7 September, item 1, now indicates that the troops themselves, rather than the Consul, believed that this force would eventually move into Iran.

A 6 September message from the US Military Attache Baghdad, however, reports his belief that this UK force will move into Iran when organized and equipped.

EUROPE

4. FRANCE: Bidault anxious over De Gaulle speech--Bidault has told Caffery that he is very apprehensive over what De Gaulle may say on 22 September, regarding the draft constitution. Bidault expressed bewilderment as to De Gaulle's intentions, in view of the hopelessness of De Gaulle's position on the Constitution, and suggested that perhaps De Gaulle desires a coup d'etat.

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5. GERMANY: Return of German Communists from Western Hemisphere-- US Political Advisor Murphy suggests that present Soviet interest in repatriating key German Communists from the Western Hemisphere may be connected with the "clear efforts" now being made by the USSR to build up a "tremendous organization" in western and southern Germany.
6. ITALY: Possible attempt to form government without Communists-- US Embassy Rome is reliably informed that an attempt may be made to form a new Government without the Communists, and possibly also without the Socialists. This attempt probably hinges upon Anglo-American assurances that Soviet and Yugoslav intervention on the side of the Italian Communists will not be permitted.
7. USSR: US correspondents may visit Ukraine and White Russia-- US Embassy Moscow reports that US correspondents have received Soviet permission to visit certain designated points in the Ukraine and White Russia. A previous request had been refused, and the present authorization apparently resulted from intervention by La Guardia.

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

8. IRAN: Arrest of Bakhtiari chiefs-- US Military Attache Tehran reports that the arrest of two leading Bakhtiari Chiefs in Isfahran (240 miles south of Tehran) followed the Bakhtiari request that the Central Government rid their region of subversive elements and their statement that otherwise they would take matters into own hands. (The Tehran press has subsequently reported a virtual state of seige in Isfahan.) The Tudeh press asserts the Bakhtiari activities are anti-Tudeh and charge British involvement.
9. SYRIA: Pan American flights to start soon-- The State Department has instructed US Charge Damascus to advise the Syrian Prime Minister informally that Pan American Airways will soon begin scheduled flights through Syria in accordance with the Prime Minister's 26 January oral agreement granting full fifth freedom privileges on a temporary basis pending the conclusion of a bilateral air agreement (see Daily Summary of 31 August, item 4).

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FAR EAST

10. **USSR: Unrest and sabotage in Vladivostok--US Vice Consul Cory in Vladivostok confirms reports of explosions in Nakhodka (about 50 miles east of Vladivostok) in July and August. He states that about six weeks ago the explosion of an ammunition barge in Nakhodka harbor rendered the port practically inoperative. Cory attributes these acts of "undoubted sabotage" to deeply rooted local discontent, which, he believes, accounts for the heavy concentration of NKVD forces in the area.**

THE AMERICAS

11. **PANAMA: Public opinion favors US withdrawal from base sites--General Crittenberger reports Panamanian public opinion virtually united in "vociferous opposition" to continued US occupation of defense sites in Panama. This represents, he adds, a marked shift over the last two weeks resulting from "frequent demonstrations" and tendentious statements by both administration and anti-administration leaders, who can now retreat only by losing face.**

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